

3 CONFESS A PART IN 15 HOLDUPS

Trio Held in Elizabeth After Arrest—Charged With Raid on Trolley Car.

DEPUTY FOILS ROBBERY

Perth Amboy High School Is Raided and Money of Children Taken.

Walter L. Hetfield, prosecutor of Union county, announced last night that Marty Shannon, John Krebs and Charles Krebs, who were arrested yesterday afternoon in Kenilworth, N. J., in connection with the holding up of a street car near Hillside earlier in the day, had made statements admitting a series of fifteen holdups in Union county during the last three months. The trio were arraigned before Judge Owen P. Mahon, in Elizabeth, and pleaded guilty to charges of highway robbery.

Carl Schmidding, a deputy sheriff of Summit, was one of the seven passengers in the Morris County Electric car which was held up. As the car neared Hillside a man jumped on the front platform and another on the rear platform. A third man pulled the trolley off the wire. The trio then pulled guns and ordered the passengers, motorman and conductor to hand over their cash.

Mr. Schmidding jerked his pistol out of his belt and fired. The bandit, who had pulled the trolley from the wire and had just boarded the car, toppled back into the snow. His companions abandoned the holdup, seized the injured one and dragged him across a field to a motor car standing in an adjacent road. In parting they fired a few rounds into the car, shattering the windows and splintering woodwork, but none of the passengers was injured, as they had flopped to the floor.

Later the police of Elizabeth were informed by telephone that a physician had been requested to hurry to Kenilworth to attend a man who had been shot through the ear. The detectives found the wounded man in a little frame house in Kenilworth. He described himself as Charles Krebs, 28 years old. With him in the shack was his brother, John, and Marty Shannon. The three were arrested and taken to a police station at Roselle Park, where Prosecutor Hetfield began to question them.

The prosecutor said Shannon and the Krebs brothers will be arraigned before County Judge Carlton B. Pierce tomorrow. "It is probable," he said, "that they will waive indictment and be sentenced forthwith." The men were locked up last night in the Union County Jail.

Howard Lamberson, 25 years old, and Frederick A. Pettit, 26, were arrested in Red Bank, N. J., by Policeman William Mustoe while attempting, the police say, to rob a stationery store. The men later made statements. It is said, regarding their part in a number of recent robberies in the vicinity.

About the same time the trolley car was being held up the High School and School No. 2, in Perth Amboy, were raided by burglars, who managed to get \$950 in Liberty bonds and several hundred dollars in cash from the High School safe. The bonds belonged to the various public schools of the town, having been purchased with the small subscriptions of the children. The money belonged to the children and, being an accumulation of funds for various charitable purposes, the robbers got nothing at School No. 2, but they destroyed considerable property.

PLUMBER-CONSPIRATOR IN JAIL, SEEKS RELEASE

Hetrick and Labor Union Men Also to File Motions.

The first move on the part of either John T. Hetrick or his colleagues to obtain release from the Tombs, where they have been confined since their conviction and sentence Thursday, was made yesterday when Herbert Smith of the plumbing firm of Hemlin & Smith, of 144 West Ninety-ninth street, obtained an order through his attorney, George Z. Medelle, calling upon the Attorney General to show cause why he should not be freed upon a certificate of reasonable doubt, pending appeal.

Smith's application, which is made upon an order to show cause, signed by Supreme Court Justice Nathan Bijur, is returnable to-morrow morning before Justice Mitchell L. Erlanger in the special term of the Supreme Court.

It is understood that Hetrick and the two labor union officials, William J. Doran and William H. Chapman, who were convicted and sentenced with Smith, will quickly follow suit with applications for release. The application which Robert P. Brindell made ten days ago for release on a certificate of reasonable doubt has not yet been decided. Robert P. Brindell, Assistant District Attorney, who opposed the Brindell application, will also oppose the motions of the Hetrick group.

TO CELEBRATE FEAST FOR A MODERN SAINT

Passionists Will Honor Gabriel, Canonized in May.

The first celebration of the feast of the Passionist saint—St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, who was canonized last May in Rome by the Pope, and therefore is known as a modern saint—will take place to-morrow in the Passionist houses throughout the United States. Actually the feast falls to-day, but on account of it being Sunday the observance goes over until to-morrow, when the proper office and the mass of the saint will be said.

Locally the feast will be celebrated in St. Michael's Monastery Church, West Hoboken, where a solemn high mass will be sung at 8:30 o'clock to-morrow morning and a panegyric of the saint will be preached by a Passionist father. There also will be an afternoon service at 2:30, at which the relic of the saint will be exposed for veneration.

St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows was born March 1, 1803, at Assisi, Italy, the birthplace of the great St. Francis. He became a member of the Passionist order in 1823 and died in 1862. On account of the wonders and miracles wrought through his intercession his case was introduced to the Vatican and he was canonized.

JAGER STARTS DEFENCE.

The third weekend passed yesterday without a completion of the hearing into the charges against Assemblyman Henry Jager of the Fourteenth district, Brooklyn, conducted by a sub-committee of the Judiciary Committee of the Assembly. The hearing will be resumed March 4 in the Murray Hill Hotel. Jager, who started his defence yesterday, will continue on the stand.

The fight against Jager, who is a Socialist, is being directed largely on the proposition that the Assemblyman is a resident of Maywood, N. J., rather than Brooklyn. He testified he moved to Maywood ten years ago because of his wife's health, but in good faith took up a residence in Brooklyn in 1918, renting a furnished room. Mr. Jager said the Maywood house was not his home.

PROF. KOTKOV DIES FROM THUGS' BLOWS

Instructor in Jewish Theological Seminary a Victim of Woodhaven Holdup.

FOUR SUSPECTS ARRESTED

Plot to Attack a Likely Looking Stranger Hatched in Poolroom, It Is Said.

The wounds that four foreigners inflicted Thursday night upon Dr. Wilfred Phineas Kotkov, a professor of philosophy at the Jewish Theological Seminary, when he was returning to his home in Woodhaven, Queens, proved fatal yesterday afternoon. He died in Mary Immaculate Hospital, Jamaica, where he was taken when Patrolman George Burling found him in a vacant lot a short distance from his home.

Statements made to the police by Dr. Kotkov ascribed the attack to a hold-up plot. He tried to make a joke that he was a poor victim for hold-up men, being only a scholar engaged in theological research. The surgeons found that Dr. Kotkov's skull had been crushed like a shell, and in their efforts to save his life their operations did not pain him, and used no anaesthetics.

The home of Dr. Kotkov was at 10540 Benedict avenue, Woodhaven. He was going diagonally across a lot at the corner near the house when the attack took place. The police said he was struck down with a bedpost, and that the blows must have been rained upon him. The investigation has resulted in the arrest of four men, each of whom is being held in \$10,000 bail on a charge of felonious assault. It was said these men have admitted that they ran short of money and while in a Brooklyn poolroom on Wednesday evening decided to attack a likely looking stranger.

Mrs. Elizabeth Eckhardt, living nearby, heard Dr. Kotkov cry out and called Patrolman Burling. He gave chase and at the point of a revolver halted two men who were running away. He made the men carry Dr. Kotkov into a house to wait for an ambulance. The defendants are Peter Nussliato, 14 Havemeyer street; Joseph Alphonso, 12 Havemeyer street; and Frank Casacoco, 249 North Eighth street, Brooklyn, and Alphonso Verona, alias "The Turk," 42 Water street, Woodhaven.

Dr. Kotkov had been an instructor in the seminary since 1917, and, according to his associates, was engaged in an important study of Biblical mysticism. He was 36 years old and was graduated from the University of Chicago. He received the master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and the degree of Rabbi from the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1901. He leaves his wife and two children.

ENDS 54 YEARS WORK FOR WHITE STAR LINE

E. F. Wright, Despatcher, Gets Silver Loving Cup.

With the sailing yesterday of the White Star liner Celtic Edward F. Wright, general superintendent of the International Mercantile Marine Company, supervised the despatch of his last vessel for that line. After fifty-four years of work in the company's service, beginning with the American Line in 1867, he goes on the retired list Monday. His associates gave him a silver loving cup.

Harris Livermore, president of the United American Lines, left aboard the Celtic for London and Hamburg to consult with Hamburg-American Line officials regarding the service to be operated jointly by his and that company between Hamburg and South America and Hamburg and New York.

La Savole of the French Line sailed yesterday with a total of 516 passengers. Baron Despres and Dr. James T. McKenna were among first cabin passengers.

The Ferdinando Palasciano of the Royal Italian Mail Line sailed for Naples and Genoa, having among passengers Augustus Healy, director of the Brooklyn Museum of Arts and Sciences, and the Marquis Paolucci di Calboli, Italian Ambassador to Japan.

HARVARD IS WINNER OF GLEE CLUB CUP

Dartmouth a Close Second at Final Contest Here.

The Harvard Glee Club won the fifth intercollegiate glee club contest in Town Hall last evening. Having won the two previous contests, Harvard gained permanent possession of the challenge cup presented by the University Glee Club for competition conducted by the intercollegiate Musical Council. Dartmouth was a popular choice for honorable mention and was considered by many a serious contender for first honors. The judges gave the Harvard singers 270 points of a possible 300. To Dartmouth was awarded 239 points. The other contestants were Amherst, Columbia, New York University, Pennsylvania State College, University of Pennsylvania and Princeton.

The crowd that filled Town Hall to capacity was distinctly an intercollegiate gathering. To the older alumni the college songs seemed a bridge across the years; to the younger the occasion was not unlike many of undergraduate days. Each club sang three times, two numbers being optional. "My Love," by Horatio Parker, was the prize song required of all eight clubs. At the conclusion of the contest the University Glee Club of New York city rendered three spirited selections in finished style.

Among the boxholders were Mrs. Ernest T. Austin, Mrs. James C. Boone, Mrs. Francis Carolan, Mrs. William Guggenheim, Mrs. Percival S. Hill, Mrs. Joshua Hatfield, Mrs. H. E. Meeker, Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow, Mrs. Theodore Peters, Mrs. Herbert Satterlee, Mrs. Hugh Grant Straus and Mrs. James Gilbert White.

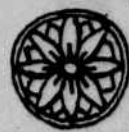
The judges were Nelson P. Coffin, Kurt Schindler and Victor Harris.

WOULD RETAIN SHIP OF N. Y. NAUTICAL SCHOOL

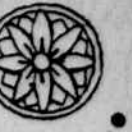
Alumni and Hulbert Say Work Would Be Hampered.

Resolutions expressing opposition to abolition of the New York Nautical School's training ship Newport, as proposed by a measure pending in the Legislature, were adopted unanimously last night at the seventeenth annual dinner of the Alumni Association of the New York Nautical School in the Commodore Hotel. The resolutions said that such a move would hamper the work now being carried on by the school.

Murray Hulbert, Commissioner of Docks and Ferries, also expressed opposition to abolishing the training ship. "But all this is to be swept away," Mr. Hulbert said after explaining what the Newport has done. "Some of our distinguished legislators, who, like myself, are country born and bred, but have knowledge and experience having been tempered by the influence of the sea."



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